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SUBJECT: IRELAND PLANNING ADDITIONAL PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE
PLEDGES

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(SBU) On November 16, Post delivered reftel points to Timothy Joyce, Third Secretary for Emergency and Recovery in Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI, the aid agency within the Department of Foreign Affairs). Joyce said that Ireland was planning to pledge additional funds for Pakistan earthquake recovery efforts, but would not announce the amount until the December 9 Ministerial in Pakistan, to be attended by Foreign Minister Dermot Ahern. Joyce added that former Prime Minister Albert Reynolds will lead the Irish delegation to the November 19 reconstruction conference in Islamabad. (DCI officials, including Post's main interlocutor on the earthquake, First Secretary for Emergency and Recovery Cait Moran, have been in Pakistan this past week touring quake-affected areas.)

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